Handing over of Degraded Land-Scapes to Wood-Based Industry

235. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any request from pulp and paper industry to hand over degraded landscapes to such wood-based industry to enable them to raise trees and plants thereon by way of reforestation to feed their industry while reclaiming the degraded land has been under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) what decision has since been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Some proposals in this regard have been received recently and are under consideration.

चिल्का झील पर विभिन्न संगठनों द्वारा आयोजित सम्मेलन

236. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न संगठनों/दलों द्वारा हाल ही में भुवनेश्वर में चिल्का झील पर एक सम्मेलन आयोजित किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इस सम्मेलन में झील को संरक्षण प्रदान करने के लिए और इसके कार्यान्वियन हेतु कदम उठाने के बारे में सर्वसम्मति थी; और

(घ) इस संबंध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) :

(क) सूचना मिली है कि उड़ीसा कृषक महासंघ ने चिल्का झील के बारे में अन्य स्वैच्छिक ग्रुपों के साथ मिलकर 1 नवम्बर, 1992 को भुवनेश्वर में एक बैठक आयोजित की थी ।

(ख) से (घ) सरकार को इस बैठक में की गई चर्चाओं एवं सिफारिशों का ब्यौरा प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

Scheme for Development of Forests in Andhra Pradesh

237. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the development of forests in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the total number of forests area developed in the State during the last three years; and

(c) the amount of Central Assistance given to the State Government from 1989-90 until now for the development of forests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) A comprehensive Forestry project covering all the aspects of forest development in Andhra Pradesh with tentative project cost

of Rs. 278 crore to be spent over a period of 6 Years has been prepared. The project is being appraised by a World Bank team.

(b) The total extent of forests developed (plantations raised etc.) in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Block Plantations raised (in Ha.)	Avenue Plantation raised (in Km.)	No. of seedlings distributed to the public for planting in their private lands (Lakh Seedlings)
1990-91	20,270	56	333.44
1991-92	12,337	175	296.60
1992-93	19,940	228	520.21
1989-90	Rs. 425.82 lakh		Rs.

(c) The amount of Central assistance given to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for the development of forests is as follows :

1992-93	Rs. 811.07 lakh
1991-92	Rs. 630.25 lakh
1990-91	Rs. 462.45 lakh
1989-90	Rs. 425.82 lakh

Reorganising the Delhi Pollution Control Committee

238. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is reorganising the Delhi Pollution Control Committee and transform it into a Pollution Control Board to grapple with the worsening pollution scenario in the National Capital Territory; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) by when, the Board is likely to be established ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fresh water lake in South, 'Kolleru'

239. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :
DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express dated 7-4-93 regarding Kolleru Lake in A.P., if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(b) whether it is a fact that the biggest natural fresh water lake in South, 'Kolleru' is fast disappearing due to pollution;

(c) if so, what are the factors contributing to the pollution of the lake;

(d) whether any action plan is being prepared to control and prevent the pollution of the lake;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The newsitem in the Indian Express dated 7-4-93 refers to the problems of encroachments and pollution in the Kolleru Lake. This lake has been included under the national programme for wetlands conservation.